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SUBJ: BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR DEPFONMIN WAHEED ABDULLAH VISIT:
PEACE CORPS IN AFGHANISTAN

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON PEACE CORPS
IN AFGHANISTAN FOR USE OF US OFFICIALS WHO WILL MEET WITH AFGHAN
DEPFONMIN (DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER) WAHEED ABDULLAH DURING
HIS OCT 5-11 NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON VISIT.

2. PEACE CORPS ENTERED AFGHANISTAN IN 1962 AT THE REQUEST OF
THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS THE NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS HAS FLUCTUATED BETWEEN ONE HUNDRED AND TWO HUNDRED.
SINCE THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN JULY, 1973, THE NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS HAS DROPPED FROM 180 TO A PROJECTED 116. THE FOLLOWING
DISTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEER STRENGTH IN 1974 IS ANTICIPATED:
SIX PCVS IN AGRICULTURE, FIVE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ONE HUNDRED
IN EDUCATION (88 OF WHICH WILL BE IN TEACHING ENGLISH AS A
FOREIGN LANGUAGE), AND FIVE IN HEALTH.

3. PEACE CORPS' CURRENT IN-COUNTRY COSTS ARE RUNNING AT ABOUT
\$753,900. OF THIS APPROXIMATELY \$496,900 IS IN DIRECT VOLUNTEER
AND TRAINING COSTS OR \$4,284 PER VOLUNTEER MANYEAR. PEACE
CORPS MAINTAIN AT PRESENT A STAFF OF FIVE AMERICANS AND THIRTEEN
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AFGHANS TO SUPPORT THE VOLUNTEER EFFORT.

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